Visa on Arrival Scheme

1946. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Tourism had submitted a proposal to his Ministry some time back to offer to foreign tourists coming to India, the facility of visa on arrival;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating names of the countries included under the scheme;

(c) Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) by when a final decision in the maner is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The proposal was examined but could not find favour in view of the security scenario prevailing in the country.

ULFA and Bodo militant camps in Bhutan

1947. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the ULFA and Bodo militant camps, set up in Bhutan;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to persuade Bhutan to root out militant camps in their territory; and

(c) the details of the response received from the Bhutanese authorities in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Reports indicate that there are camps in Bhutan, which are being used by ULFA and Bodo